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CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER
QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
LOS ANGELES REGION

February 18, 2016

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board 320 W. Fourth Street, Suite 200 Los Angeles, CA 90013 Attn: Joshua Cwikla

**SUBJECT:** 

CALIFORNIA WATER CODE DIRECTIVE PURSUANT TO SECTION 13267 – ORDER TO SUBMIT INFORMATION – THE DISPOSAL OF WELL DRILLING FLUIDS, WELL COMPLETION FLUIDS, AND PRODUCTION FLUIDS TO LAND FOR VENOCO, INCORPORATED OIL AND GAS OPERATIONS IN LOS ANGELES AND VENTURA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Dear Mr. Cwikla:

The purpose of this letter is to provide an addendum to the January 15, 2016 letter in response to the information requested in the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board letter dated December 18, 2015 regarding the discharge of oil production fluids to lands we currently operate in the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board's jurisdiction. Venoco, Inc. currently operates one oil and gas production facility within the Los Angeles Region. That facility is located at 9865 Olympic Blvd., Beverly Hills, California 90212. Our January 15, 2016 letter (attached) provided requested information concerning the Beverly Hills Facility.

Venoco also operates a crude oil pipeline, portions of which are located within the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board's jurisdiction. Venoco has operated this pipeline since 1999. Along the pipeline route, there are four pipeline pigging stations located in Ventura County, each containing one surface sump. An overall map of these pigging stations and individual maps of each station is attached.

The four surface sumps are located at:

- 5777 W. Pacific Coast Highway, Ventura, Ca, (Rincon Pipeline Station)
- 301 W. Front Street, Ventura, Ca. (Ellwood Pipeline 12" Lateral)
- Rear 191 Ottawa Street, Ventura, Ca. (Ellwood Pipeline Avenue Meters)
- 1200 Spinnaker Drive, Ventura, Ca. (Ellwood Pipeline Union Marine)

Each of the above sumps is considered active. Venoco has no knowledge of any inactive, historic, or closed sumps in the area of our operations. All of the active sumps are cylindrical in shape, are constructed with steel, and are coated with and industrial coating. The dimensions and volumes of these sumps are presented in the attached spreadsheet.

In the event that one of these sumps needs to be abandoned, the sump would be cleaned and excavated from the soil. Conformation soil sampling in the area of excavation would be conducted by procuring the services of a State of California Registered Professional Geologist. Any impacted soil would be disposed of in accordance with the recommendation of the professional geologist. An assessment of groundwater conditions may be necessary, based on the initial soils assessment results.

The estimated total annual amount of crude oil previously discharged to each active sump is presented in the attached spreadsheet. The estimated annual amount of crude oil to be discharged to active sumps going forward is identical to historical annual amounts.

Crude oil discharged to the sumps is a result of the routine monthly pigging operations performed on the pipeline. The pig will push a predictable amount of crude oil into each pig receiver trap. When removing the pig from the trap, the crude oil is drained to the sump. Once all oil is drained to the sump, the oil is then pumped back into the pipeline. No crude oil is disposed of in the pigging procedure.

A crude oil assay of the typical crude oil discharged into each sump is attached. No solidified solid waste has been generated in the sumps by Venoco since 1999. It is unknown if the previous operator generated any solidified solid waste.

To our knowledge, there are no domestic, municipal, or commercial water wells within a half-mile radius of any of our active sumps. To our knowledge, there are no monitoring wells within a half-mile radius of any of our active sumps.

I, Pat Corcoran certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments and that, based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the information is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment.

Should you have any questions regarding information contained in this package, please call me at (805) 745-2264.

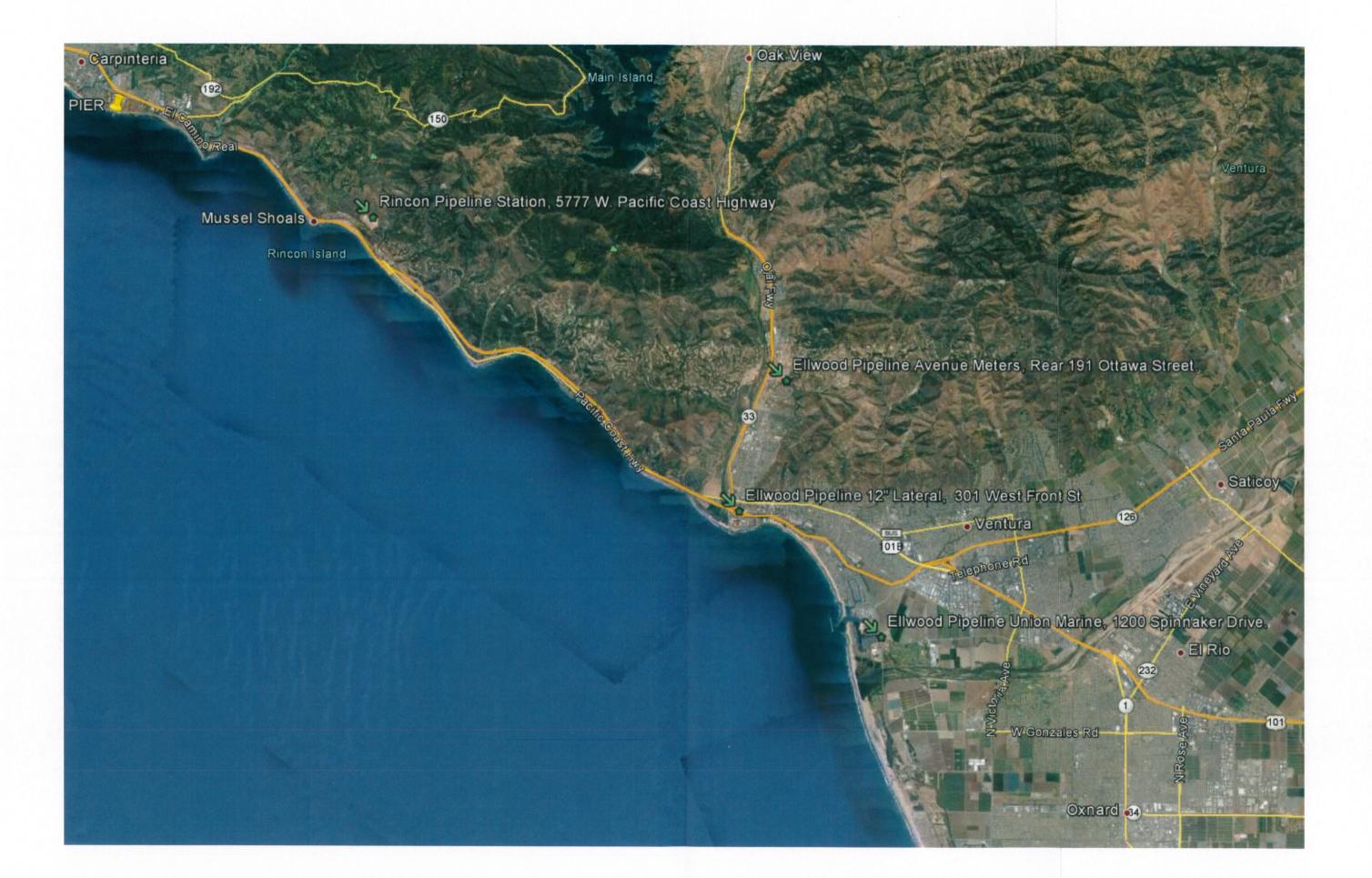
Sincerely,
Pat Corcoran

**Environmental Coordinator** 

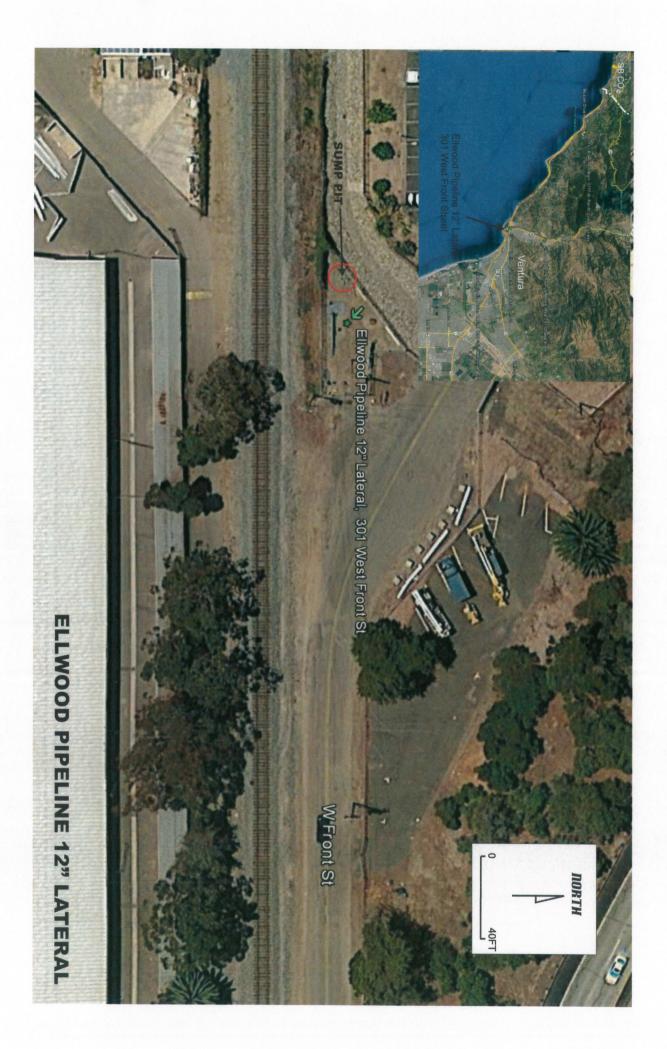
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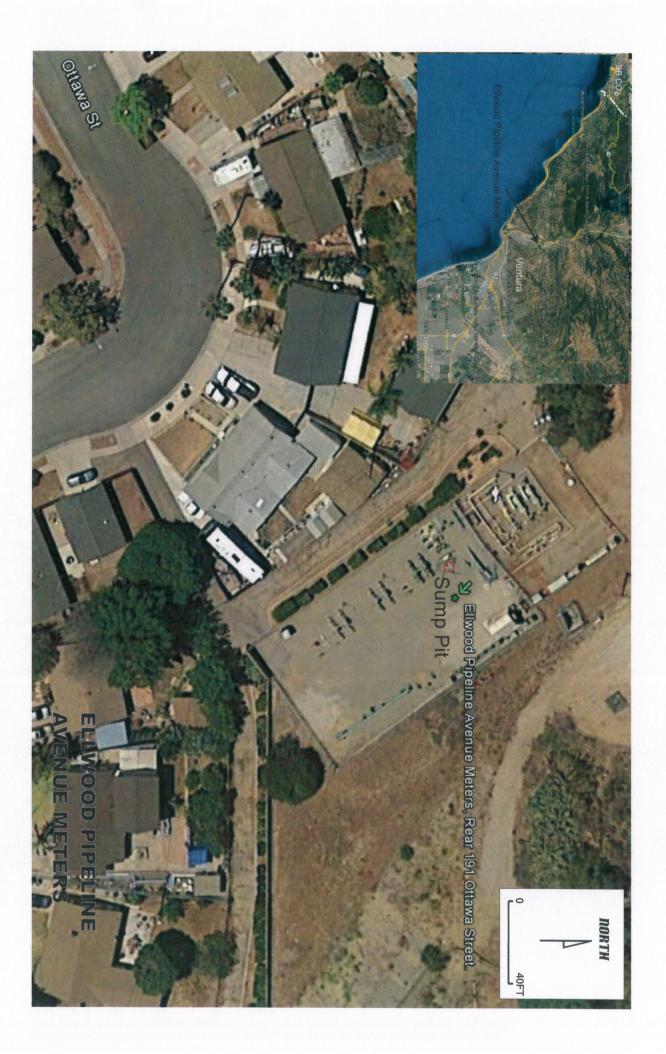
Cc:

Larry Huskins, Venoco, Inc. Doug Taylor, Venoco, Inc Adam Taing, LARWQCB











VENOCO, INC. SUMPS IN RWQCB LOS ANGELES REGION

Owner and/or Operator	Field Name	County	Sump Name/Description		Location Long	(Dia.xDepth) Sump Volume in cu. ft.	When Was the Sump First Excavated?	How Many Years Was the Sump Active?	Total Annual Amount of Fluid Discharged in bbls.	Composition of Fluids	Was the Sump Filled with Soil or Other Material (Yes/No)	When Was the Sump Filled?	What Material Was Used to Fill the Sump?	Was There Solidified Waste? (Yes/NO)	If Yes, What Was the Composition of those Solids?
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	Rincon Pipeline		(35 bbl), with P-V relief	1 1		1									
Venoco, Inc.	Station	Ventura	valve	34.35562	-119.424850	(6'x8'), 226.2 cu.ft.	1970 (Approx.)	46.0	234.0	Crude Oil	No	N/A	N/A	No	N/A
	Ellwood Pipeline		12.56 Sqft-Surface Sump							Grade on	140	IN/A	IN/A	INO	N/A
Venoco, Inc.	12" Lateral	Ventura	(35 bbl), Pit Tank	34.277071	-119.305611	(4'x4.9'), 61.8 cu.ft.	1970 (Approx.)	46.0	59.0	Crude Oil	No	N/A	N/A	N.	
	Ellwood Pipeline		28.27 Sqft-Surface Sump			,	то (- грр. ст.)	10.0	1 00.0	Crude Oil	INO	IN/A	N/A	No	N/A
Venoco, Inc.	Avenue Meters	Ventura		34.312139	-119.290104	(6'x8'), 226.2 cu.ft.	1970 (Approx.)	46.0	29.00	Crude Oil	No	N/A	NI/A	N-	
	Ellwood Pipeline		28.27 Sqft-Surface Sump			, ,	(	10.0	20.00	Crude Oil	INO	N/A	N/A	No	N/A
Venoco, Inc.	Union Marine	Ventura		34.243215	-119.259127	(6'x8'), 226.2 cu.ft.	1970 (Approx.)	46.0	172.00	Crude Oil	No	N/A	N/A	No	N/A



## **Report of Analysis**

Client:

VENOCO INC

Client Reference Number:

Job Location:

Carpinteria, CA US260-0020266 PO# CP14-0003DT

Our Reference Number: Lab Reference Number:

2014-LOSA-000091

Sample ID:

2014-LOSA-000091-001

Date Taken:

17-Jan-2014

Sample Designated As:

CRUDE

**Date Submitted:** 

17-Jan-2014

Vessel/Location:

VENOCO/ Santa Clara Unit

**Date Tested:** 

27-Jan-2014

Representing:

ID Mark:Santa Clara Unit ,67 F :Dated 1/16/14 @ 0945

Method Result Unit **ASTM D5002** Average API Gravity 18.4 %PI **ASTM D4294** Sulfur Content 5.11 Wt % ASTM D445 Kinematic Viscosity @ 100 °F/ 37.8 203.7 mm²/s ASTM D445 Test Temperature 25.0  $\mathcal{C}$ Kinematic Viscosity @ Specified Tem ASTM D445 509.2 mm²/s **ASTM D4928** Water Content 0.62 Vol % mg/kg ASTM D7536 MOD **Total Chlorides** 107.9 ASTM D664 Procedure Used Α ASTM D664 Acid Number 1.15 mg KOH/g **ASTM D7169 Boiling Point Distribution** See Attached Report **UOP 163** H2S ppm Wt ASTM D5708\_MOD Method Α ASTM D5708 MOD Calcium 15.3 mg/kg ASTM D5708 MOD Potassium 10.2 mg/kg ASTM D5708\_MOD Sodium 104 mg/kg **ASTM D5863** Procedure Used Α **ASTM D5863** Vanadium Content 170 mg/kg **ASTM D5863** Nickel Content mg/kg

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Signed:			
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Jamal Dahabra, Laboratory Coordinator



January 15, 2016

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The requested information is provided as follows:

- Venoco, Inc. has not discharged well drilling fluids, well completion fluids, or oil
  production fluids to sumps or ponds.
- Venoco, Inc. does not have or operate any sumps or ponds for the purpose of produced fluids waste discharge.
- Venoco, Inc. does not have any inactive ponds or sumps.
- Venoco, Inc. has no plans to install any sumps or ponds for the purpose of produced fluids discharge.
- All produced water and routine well work fluids at the site are injected back into the producing formation.

• Any produced fluids found to be unsuitable for injection on-site, would be transported to a permitted injection facility for disposal.

I, Larry Huskins certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments and that, based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the information is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment.

Should you have any questions regarding information contained in this package, please call me at (805) 745-2199.

Sincerely,

Larry Huskins

Operations Manager

Venoco, Inc

Cc: Pat Corcoran, Venoco, Inc.

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